

**MINUTES OF THE  
UTAH INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND TRADE COMMISSION**

Thursday, September 16, 2010, 9:30 a.m. – Room 450 State Capitol

**Members Present:**

Sen. Mark B. Madsen, Senate Chair  
Rep. Sheryl L. Allen, House Chair  
Sen. Brent H. Goodfellow  
Sen. Peter C. Knudson  
Rep. Jackie Biskupski  
Rep. Kerry W. Gibson  
Rep. Eric K. Hutchings  
Rep. Phil Riesen  
Mr. Brian Farr  
Mr. Brett W. Heimburger  
Mr. Miguel R. Rovira

**Staff Present:**

Mr. Richard C. North, Policy Analyst  
Mr. James L. Wilson, Associate General Counsel  
Ms. Glenda S. Whitney, Legislative Secretary

**Note:** A list of others present, a copy of related materials, and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at [www.leg.utah.gov](http://www.leg.utah.gov).

**1. Commission Business**

Chair Madsen called the meeting to order at 9:44 a.m.

**MOTION:** Rep. Riesen moved to approve the minutes of the July 19, 2010 meeting. The motion passed unanimously. Rep. Biskupski and Rep. Gibson were absent for the vote.

**2. Pakistan Trade Delegation**

Rep. Hutchings introduced members of a visiting political delegation from Pakistan, hosted by the U.S. State Department, to the Commission.

Mr. Brendan Sullivan, Pakistan Fellows Program Manager, The American Council of Young Political Leaders, introduced each member of the Pakistan delegation and explained the purpose for the delegation's visit to Utah is to develop better international relations.

The members of the Pakistan delegation included:

Mr. Athar Hassan Gorchani, Member of Provincial Assembly, Punjab Province;  
Mr. Muhammad Taimur Khan, Member of Provincial Assembly, Khyber Pakhtunkwa Province;  
Mr. Zahoor Ahmed Buledi, Member of Provincial Assembly, Balochistan Province; and  
Mr. Heer Soho, Member of Provincial Assembly, Sindh Province.

The delegation explained that four of its original members had to remain in Pakistan to help with the aftermath of disastrous flooding throughout the country. The members noted that Pakistan was grateful for the aid that the United States had recently given their country to help cope with the effects of these massive floods, and also encouraged future trade with Pakistan.

The Commission thanked the Pakistan delegation for its attendance at the meeting and remarks.

**3. Legislative Forum Reports on International trade: National Conference on State Legislatures (NCSL) and the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC)**

Rep. Allen updated the Commission on international trade policy recommendations from both NCSL and ALEC. She noted that the Commission may wish to monitor China's currency issue regarding the value of the yuan that is currently being reviewed by the World Trade commission.

**4. Utah - Peru Trade Relations**

Sen. Madsen gave a follow-up report on the recent Peruvian trade delegation's trip to Utah for the purpose of improving relations and trade between Peru and Utah. It was noted that agriculture and water conservation were the two main topics of the discussion.

**5. Utah Council on Citizen Diplomacy (UCCD)**

Mr. Brian Farr, President, Board of Trustees, UCCD, commented on the Council and its hosting program involving foreign visitors to Utah. He introduced Ms. Laura Dupuy, Executive Director, Utah Council for Citizen Diplomacy.

Ms. Dupuy distributed a packet of information "Utah Council for Citizen Diplomacy" and briefed the Commission on its international visitor leadership program. She gave an overview on its mission and its purpose of promoting global understanding and respect between the people of Utah and other nations.

**6. International Trade Organizations in Utah: Presentation / Roundtable**

The Commission heard brief introductory remarks from selected key Utah international trade entities, followed by a roundtable discussion on how to optimize communications and coordination of efforts for the purpose of developing Utah's international trade.

Mr. Craig Peterson, Director, Governor's Office of International Trade and Diplomacy, distributed and reviewed a handout "Utah International Trade Update" and gave a brief overview on Utah trade facts. He noted that the office's International Trade and Diplomacy Division's primary mission is to:

1) support Utah companies in international trade; 2) provide diplomatic negotiations; 3) support foreign investments; and 4) coordinate meetings with interested groups regarding schedules and activities.

Ms. Elizabeth Goryunova, Executive Vice President, World Trade Center Utah, discussed the process of business trade with other counties and informed the Commission of a number of tools the World Trade Center has to help coordinate international trade and international affairs in Utah. One example is the World Trade Center Newsletter that is published on a weekly basis. The World Trade Center also sponsors a monthly meeting for entities involved in international trade.

Mr. David G. Fiscus, Director, Utah Export Assistance Center, U.S. Commercial Services, distributed a handout "The World is Open for Business" and gave an overview on the Center's goal to increase U.S. business abroad.

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Chair Madsen noted the purpose of the round table was to catalog the number of entities working together in Utah on diplomacy and foreign trade and to understand how the various entities coordinate their efforts and activities.

**7. Other Items / Adjourn**

**MOTION:** Sen. Goodfellow moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.  
Rep. Gibson was absent for the vote.

Chair Madsen adjourned the meeting at 11:20 a.m.